

tary of the National conference could make an approximate statement and publish the same with his report.

Will not pastors and superintendents during the year gather such statistics, make a note of each point of interest, don't wait until conference is on hand and say I had too much conference preparations, but make notes and when the blanks are sent out, it will be a small thing to copy the same. Let us come up in 1899 and surprise the brotherhood like Comodore Dewey surprised the Spaniards when he entered the Manilla Harbor in the darkness of the night. I look forward with great anticipations to the next conference.

S. B. GRISSO, Sec.

Good News From Berlin, Pa.

There are six preaching places in this charge. At four of them to wit, Berlin, Maple Grove, Listie and Downey, communions are held twice a year. These have now all been held for this summer, and each was preceded by a week's meetings by the pastor, brother M. C. Meyers. At all these meetings a good interest was awakened and if properly continued and followed up grand results would have obtained. As it was six were converted at Listie, one at Maple Grove and seven at Berlin, the last eight being baptized at Berlin on the 25th of June, followed by the communion on the 26th. The state conference came in the way of the Downey meeting or good results would undoubtedly have followed. While we praise God for these accessions to the flock, their addition is not the only blessing that has come to us from the meetings. The flock has been fed and from the feeding comes renewed strength and development and inspiration and willingness to do work for the Master by other workers. The church is in good order and our new pastor has been pretty well introduced to his various appointments, so he can find them without a guide, and after a few more visits to each will be able to call each member of his flock by name. So far he has proven himself a willing and efficient worker.

As for myself, I have had a hard time of it during the last few months, and a severe time for the last week, from an attack of piles and resultant prolapsus. I am now able to sit and do a little writing but dare not be on my feet to walk any distance. I hope to be able to send some well developed "isms" before long.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Notes From Zed H. Copp

BEAR CREEK

An all day meeting will be held Sunday, 24th. Harvest meeting exercises at 2:30. Those who desire may bring lunch and serve it in the grove.

The Jefferson Township Sunday school Association will hold its annual session in the church Sunday afternoon, 17th.

Much damage to property was wrought in this vicinity by a severe storm Sunday after-

noon, 3d. Brother John Wallace's house was unroofed and partly destroyed. We are thankful that no one was injured.

Brother Henry Murr has trained his battery of "good cheer" on our home and is keeping up a rapid fire of the choice products of his farm. May the "Giver" continue to bless him and all his.

DAYTON

The young people have organized a King's Children Society, from which we expect yeoman like service in the near future. The following are officers: Lotta Bond, president; Claude Protsman, vice; Lottie Chapman, secretary; and Lula Fitzgerald, treas.

Children's Day will be observed Sunday evening, 24th. The zeal and consecration of brother John Ebersole and his corps of willing workers insures a profitable occasion.

MIAMISBURG

Although it was harvest week, almost every member of this congregation was present at communion service Saturday night, 2d. After two days pastoral visiting amongst them, we are satisfied that they are "strong in the Lord," and we again say that we are glad that our relation is that of pastor and people.

A King's Children Society has been organized with some thirty members. Brother William Beechler is president; Grant Goodwin, vice; Mamie Fox, secretary; and John Heol, treasurer.

Owing to sickness, the Children's Day exercises will be held the 17th instead of June 19th as previously announced.

An all-day meeting, including harvest-home service will be held Sunday, 31st.

The Sunday school missionary collections amounted to \$6 83. Bear Creek contributed \$4 00; Dayton, \$1.80; and Miamisburg \$1.03. It has all been paid into my hands.

Roaring Springs, Pa.

It might seem a little out of the ordinary to see our name in the EVANGELIST, yet more unlikely things than that have happened and will be likely to happen. We did not turn up at the state conference in Philadelphia, but instead turned up on a pair of crutches the week before with a sprained and fractured ankle, and at this writing have discarded the crutch but use the staff, and the bicycle like the harps of Israel, is not hung upon the willow, but hangs in the cellar.

As moderator of the conference of '97, our report did not show up in '98, the reason for this was we had none, and the reason we had none was that not a single, solitary, lonely preacher in all Pennsylvania sent us a single, solitary, lonesome item, and to report when there was nothing to report is beyond our capacity. That the preachers of Pennsylvania are derelict in this direction goes without saying, and to have sent in our individual report *might* have been construed as a monopoly, and we're not a monopolist, therefore no report. We learned however

that the conference passed off pleasantly and profitably for which we are glad. The next conference will be at Pittsburg, Brother Bole informed us recently that he has already procured a fine hall near the church and the conference need have no fear for what brother "Dan" does, is well done.

We are again pastor, temporarily at least, of the Altoona church. Our congregations are fair and services pleasant. Our communion services at McKees passed off pleasantly. Brother R. Z. Replogle dropped in and assisted us.

The war has somewhat detracted from spiritual interests, everybody talks war or says just how *they would do it* had they the opportunity. We think what a pity that President McKinley is not acquainted with these persons.

We have opened up the matrimonial market and the results for June are as follows: June 9th, John K. Strayer and sister Ella Delozier, of McKees, Pa.; June 23rd, Geo. Grawl and Miss Bertha Wetzel of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pa.; June 30th, Fred Geib and sister Myrtle Ake, of Altoona. We will of course do business at the old stand. Brother Replogle's report of the condition of the State's missionary exchequer should make the churches of Pennsylvania which have not yet sent in their quarter-age feel guilty of negligence. Wake up brethren.

Fraternally,

W. L. SPANOGLE.

Gleanings From the Wayside

Once again it is our privilege to improve the passing moments in bringing our gleanings to the EVANGELIST, but possibly not of much interest to the general reader, but glad to be able to say that our meetings have passed off very pleasantly at our last appointment at Salem, Ind. We held our communion on Monday evening, had a large attendance, excellent order prevailed. Brother R. R. Teeter, pastor of the Darwin church, and a number of his flock came over and assisted in the service. Come again. The first Sunday was our meeting at Poplar Grove, followed with communion on Monday night, July 4. This was the first service of the kind held in the new church, and we must say that everything was very conveniently arranged, good attendance, good order, and a good meeting. Quite a good attendance from College Corner. These churches are only seven miles apart. Since our last communication it has been our pleasure to attend our ministerial association at Lapaz, Ind. A very interesting time. Some good papers, good addresses, and some good preaching, and some puzzling queries. All in all it was a success.

On the fourth Sunday of the present month will be our Harvest meeting in the Salem congregation, held in brother Jacob Huffer's Grove, some four miles south west of Burlington.

We are pleased to announce that we have secured the services of brother C. F. Yoder of Warsaw, to assist us on the occasion. We